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SUBJECT: UK REACTION TO POMPIDOU'S CALL FOR REGULAR
EC SUMMITS

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1. THE PRELIMINARY, UNOFFICIAL REACTION OF OFFICIALS
AT THE FCO AND THE CABINET OFFICE TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S
PROPOSAL FOR REGULAR EC SUMMIT MEETINGS (REF A) IS
GUARDEDLY POSITIVE.

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2. PRIME MINISTER HEATH HAS NOT YET RECEIVED POMPIDOU'S

LETTER, SO HMG HAS NOT HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL IN DETAIL. ON THE BASIS OF POMPIDOU'S OCTOBER 31 REMARKS, OUR SOURCE NOTED THAT WHILE HEATH HAS ALREADY SAID (IN HIS OCTOBER 13 SPEECH AT BLACKPOOL-REF B) THAT HE FAVORS REGULAR EC SUMMITS, THE TYPE OF MEETING ENVISAGED BY HEATH DIFFERS IN SOME RESPECTS FROM POMPIDOU'S PROPOSAL. HEATH HAS SAID THAT SUMMITS SHOULD BE HELD ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE RANGE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. POMPIDOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, APPEARS TO BE SUGGESTING THAT SUMMITS SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF EC POLITICAL COOPERATION.

3. ANY ANGLO-FRENCH DIFFERENCES OVER THE PURPOSE OF EC SUMMITS CAN BE DISCUSSED WHEN POMPIDOU VISITS PRIME MINISTER HEATH AT CHEQUERS ON NOVEMBER 16-17. OUR SOURCES BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT AN EC SUMMIT WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.
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